GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ECO-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified any Eco-Development Projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided for launching such projects in the State, project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. A World Bank aided India Eco development Project is under implementation inPench Tiger Reserve, apart from the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Eco Development Around National Parks and Sanctuaries including Tiger Reserves' in other protected areas of Madhya Pradesh

(b) The Project aims at conserving biodiversity through Eco development and has the following major components:

(i) Improved Protected Area Management

(ii) Village Eco development

(iii) Environmental education and awareness

(iv) Impact monitoring and Research

The original allocation of funds for Pench Tiger Reserve was Rs. 2790 lakhs, which hasbeen revised to Rs. 2953 lakhs, keeping in view the extension of Project closing date to 30-06-2003.

(c) The total amount of funds released up to 31-3-2002 since the start of the Project is Rs. 1830.32 lakhs. Besides the project, assistance for eco development has been provided under the Centrally Sponsored Eco-Development Scheme financial assistance provided during the IX five year plan to other Protected Areas of Madhya Pradesh is as below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-02
51.33	65.89	63.277	126.53	231.974